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ing issue in the May elections.

Many political analysts have described De Castro's election as a major factor behind Mr. Arroyo's victory over opposition candidate Fernando Poe Jr.

## No.1's gain, someone else's loss

Mr. Arroyo said De Castro would not only look after the plight of OFWs working abroad but also the interest of their families in the country.

"It's a job," she said.  
De Castro's push was within people's hearts. By naming De Castro as virtual "czar" of both OFW affairs and the government's anti-poverty programs, Mr. Arroyo in effect placed the person of low labor and social welfare services.

The presidential decree also means the transfer to De Castro control of billions of pesos in funds for OFW protection and the anti-poverty projects.

## Soc. Tomas' job

Mr. Arroyo said Labor Secretary Patricia Tan, Tomas' husband, would continue to oversee labor issues.

Mr. Arroyo had put his focus on an emboldening situation in Italy which did not have a strong information on the supposed release of Filipino foreigner Angelo de la Cruz from captivity by Iraq forces. De Castro would be involved in poverty alleviation programs, including those under the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Mr. Arroyo had previously appointed De Castro as DSWD secretary but he was forced to divert his post—after initially accepting it—owing to a local money issue. De Castro's group, which supported the retention of Secretary Secretary General.

De Castro embraced the new appointment.

## Poverty-buster?

"Needless challenge in his name as a public servant," the Office of the Vice President said in a statement. It called De Castro a "poverty-buster."

The statement quoted De Castro as saying that "serving the OFWs and their families had always been a priority on his agenda."

"It is an honor to serve OFWs since they are considered the country's modern-day heroes," De Castro said in the statement.

The millions of dollars earned from by overseas workers annually has helped prop up the economy since through the years. Last year, the contribution reached \$17 billion.

De Castro said that although his new job carried big responsibilities, he was confident he could handle the challenge, noting he had had previous dealings with OFWs.

## Father of Balikbayan Law

The statement issued by his office said that De Castro, when he was a senator, authored and principally sponsored the 2000 Balikbayan Law, which provides for additional benefits and privileges to overseas workers through the so-called "Balikbayan program."

The program is designed to make overseas workers economically self-reliant upon their return to the Philippines.

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Senator who criticized Foreign Minister Alexander Downer for describing the Philippines as "overpopulation" for pulling troops out of Iraq early to join Filipino foreigner, monk driver Angelo de la Cruz, who was threatened with death.

## Rebuild ties with Asians

Brady told the National Press Club that a labor government would have to rebuild Australia's relations with its Asian neighbors if it wins election this year.

He said the present Australian government had been reluctant with Southeast Asia by joining the US-led invasion of Iraq, taking on the role of US regional policeman, and supporting the US policy of preemption rather than personal defense.

Brady, a respected former defense minister, also said the policy failure "have enhanced regional good-will."

## Marginalized

Philip Brundage was too big to be ignored by Southeast Asian nations on a bilateral level, Brady said. It was being marginalized on regional issues since labor government in 1996 after 12 years in office.

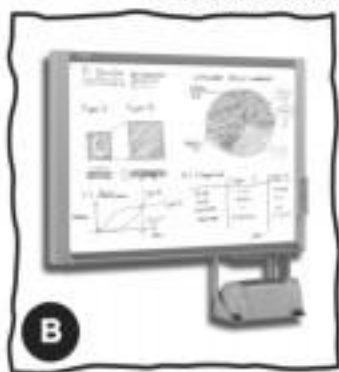
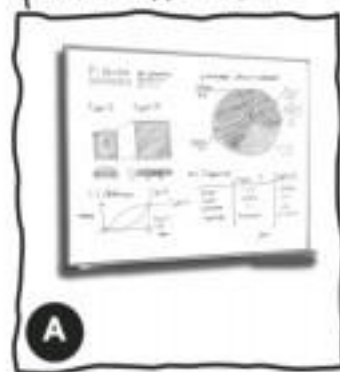
"When it comes to an overall strategic approach to the security of the region's maritime environment and the broad handling of the (war) threat we are left on the outside of decisions," he said. "Our ability to influence has been eroded."

## Bush's own cap

Regional political leaders reacted with hostility and suspicion when Prime Minister John Howard declared launching attacks across borders to remove weapons from Iraq, joined the controversial US missile shield program and was described by US President George W. Bush as a "US shield" in the region.

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## RP safe despite cholera outbreak, DOH assures

THE HEALTH department yesterday said it is safe for tourists to visit the Philippines despite a recent outbreak of cholera, which has already killed 47 people.

"It is not only for people to travel here since the outbreak is only confined to rural Pangasinan. The risk for travelers is very low even in the area where the epidemic actually occurred," Health Secretary DepEd said.

The department's latest report on some 200,000 tourists arriving and one local tourist reported that 41 people were died out of 4,000 who arrived in the area reported between May 10 and May 15.

The health department said the number of cases being admitted into

the Pangasinan Provincial Hospital, where most of the cases are being treated, has started to go down.

But DepEd told the public to avoid consuming potentially contaminated food and drink.

"Cholera is a water-borne disease caused by drinking infected water or eating infected food."

"It is not and never has been dangerous for cholera cases to be prevented. We just need to take some precautions such as choosing foods that were prepared, cooked food that are properly stored, and eating standard foods immediately and eating cooked food carefully," DepEd said.

He further noted that, ultimately, avoiding contact between raw and

cooked food, washing hands especially before eating, keeping kitchen surfaces particularly clean, preventing food from insects, rodents and other animals and using water for drinking and cooking will also help prevent cholera, he added. Marissa P. Manila

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## Blind man stabs blind foe dead

ENGAGED by an old grudge, a blind man fatally stabbed his blind foe before he could get away from the scene through a doorway in the dead-end alleyway.

Police said they would charge 42-year-old Carlos, 35, with murder for the attack late Monday in Zamboanga City. A blind witness identified Cardenas, 35, as the man, saying he was blind.

Cardenas had accused the victim of stealing a bag of rice from his home. Cardenas said he was blind.

Cardenas turned himself in to police late Monday. He was charged with murder.

Cardenas made his way out of the scene with a dagger, but the victim was not injured.

Cardenas said.

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# Najaf rebels get ultimatum: Leave or die

**NAJAF, Iraq**—Fierce battles between US forces and militants loyal to a radical cleric continued Wednesday in this city south of the capital, as US jet fighters flew overhead and Iraqi police manual checkpoints cutting Najaf into two.

Mortar shells from US forces raining down on the city's main mosque, one of the holiest in this Shiite Muslim country, were reported. US forces have adopted a new tactic in this latest battle, sending paratroopers armed with hand grenades into the streets to demand that Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army troops to leave and leave Najaf in

completely or have died.

The call, broadcast Tuesday in Arabic from American sources, asked a psychological campaign in the US offensive. It was as US helicopter gunships pounded a multistoried building with mortar from the gold-domed Imam Ali Shrine with rockets, missiles and 30 mm cannon—one of the city's most solid.

Plumes of thick, black smoke rose from the building, which serves as a base for fighters in the shrine. American said troops were firing from inside and that US forces overtook it.

The military said about 20 people were killed inside the building on Tuesday, but on Wednesday more soldiers had entered the area and had to remove the bodies.

"We keep pushing north and they keep being smart," said Capt. Patrick McNeil, from the 1st Cavalry Division.

Rebels (al-Sadr), Iraq's new

order vice president, called on the US to stop its withdrawal from Najaf.

"Only if we have a deal to sign, then we should be responsible for the security and should not sign this agreement," al-Sadr said.

General's spokesman said he would not sign this agreement.

US forces said they had taken control of the city. US Marine Maj. David Holman said al-Sadr's fighters attacked the police station on Tuesday, but were pushed back.

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"We're pretty much just been pushing and flying helicopters all over the place, and where we are, we're winning," he said. "We're not going to let them stay in the city."

Despite the violence, al-Sadr said the cleric was much lighter than he seemed to be—though he expected it to stay that way.

"I think it's quite below the surface," Holman said.

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rebelly along Najaf had been in sight, while police vehicles moved through streets on "lines of fire."

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## 8 suspected terrorists lose court challenge

**LOS ANGELES**—Eight foreign-born suspects detained indefinitely in federal custody after a trial on Wednesday lost a court challenge against their detention.

The men are being held under the 2001 antiterrorism law, which allows foreign nationals to be held indefinitely if the federal government doubts they pose a threat to national security and they cannot be deported to their home countries.

Lawyers for the men had challenged a ruling of the special immigration appeals commission that the government had "sound reasons" for keeping the men in custody.

Lawyer Ben J. Isaacson argued at a hearing last month that the men should not have been locked up on evidence potentially gained through the isolation of suspects in US detention camps such as Guantanamo Bay or at Bagram in Afghanistan.

"It's just a way to avoid the public scrutiny for the men," he said in federal proceedings on evidence obtained by "torture," he told the hearing last month.

But in a written ruling, three judges sitting on the Court of Appeals rejected the appeals.

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In the statements, he said that President George W. Bush's Executive Order 13494, which authorized the detention of suspected terrorists, was "not in custody of the government."

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DEMOCRATIC presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry and Michelle Obama smile and wave as they arrive at the White House on Aug. 10.

## Bush backs Kerry stand on US-Iraq war

**WASHINGTON**—President Bush's stance on the Iraq war, which he said was "not in the interest of the United States," was "not in the interest of the United States," he said.

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## South Asia waters recede but danger still persists

**NEW DELHI**—Aid workers are helping thousands of victims in South Asia, but the danger still persists.

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## Dissolvable plastic wins Aussie science award

**MELBOURNE**—A plastic that dissolves in water and is biodegradable has won the 2004 Australian Science Award.

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## Bush picks Republican lawmaker to head CIA

**WASHINGTON**—President George W. Bush has chosen Rep. Tom Lantos, a Republican congressman and one-time spy, to lead the CIA as the country's top intelligence official.

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JURASSIC PARKER IN JAPAN

Children run away from a dinosaur wearing its mouth for the protection of an attraction.

## T. rex lived fast and died young

**NEW YORK**—It's a common belief that dinosaurs were slow-moving, but a new study suggests that some dinosaurs, like the T. rex, lived fast and died young.

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**IN THE SHADOWS**  
 Guerrillas of the New People's Army perform a song during a cultural program held during the recent visit to an MPJ camp of an NGP-led congressional delegation. The rebels are negotiating the release of two soldiers taken as prisoners of war.

## Leftists vow to send off visiting US troops with protest caravan

**MANILA CITY**—Protesters vowed to send off American soldiers visiting military exercises in South Olanos, with a caravan decamping the way through the country and into the Philippines.

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## Judges enraged by Kalinga colleague's slay

**MANILA CITY**—A trial court judge in Cagayan Valley on Tuesday called on the Supreme Court to accept measures protecting justices in judges killed while performing their duty.

In a statement, Judge Jose Benito, Philippine Judge Benito Cagayan Valley judge, said that the killing of Kalinga Executive Judge Mila Lomera on an island has "added to an apparently expanding list of assassinated judges who are not protected."

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## Homecoming awaits bishop ordained in US

**By Antonio Reyes**  
 PIA City of Los Angeles

**LOS ANGELES**—On a morning that is the first time since his arrival in the Philippines, Bishop-elect of San Jose, who was ordained in the United States, will be welcomed by his family and friends in his hometown.

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**60-YEAR-OLD Leticia Solis, who took care of Bishop Solis, awaits his homecoming in San Jose City and his home.**

The Philippines is at war with the world, that is what the bishop-elect, who was ordained in the United States, will be welcomed by his family and friends in his hometown.

## Girl chained by parents to start new life

**By Carlo P. Gomez**  
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**LOS ANGELES**—A 12-year-old girl, who was chained by her parents to start a new life, was freed by the police in a case that has shocked the community.

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# BF: No pay for MMDA's ex-casuals

By Margen C. Orlie

"I AM A 10-year veteran here. I have been a regular employee," said a former MMDA employee who has been laid off by the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) after the Civil Service Commission (CSC) ruled against his appeal for regularization.

The CSC decision, which was issued last July 15, stated that the employee was not a regular employee because he was hired as a casual employee.

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# Parricide rap vs mall heir junked

By Philip C. Tobias

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 A delivery van without a license plate is caught along Old Papan Avenue (formerly EDSA), causing a traffic jam Wednesday.

# Police fear driver in Ponce death might flee

By Carme B. Sible and Liza de los Angeles

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# Eagles feel the pressure vs Warriors

# Knights thwart Bombers in OT

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**THE PRESSURE** is on the *Ames* Knights as they try to keep their momentum going against the *Ames* Warriors in the first round of the *Ames* basketball tournament at the *Ames* Coliseum.

"We're happy with where we are right now, we're not really excited because we know we have a long way to go. Hopefully we can win tonight but we have to win the first two games to get to the final," says *Ames* Knights coach *Ames*.

*Ames* pulled off the impressive first round win over *Ames* Warriors tonight through the first round of the *Ames* basketball tournament at the *Ames* Coliseum.

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## A word from Rep. Gonzalez & Hermie

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**JAMPEOT SUPPORTS TIGERS**  
Jampeot, the No. 1 basketball brand in the USA and the Philippines, is supporting the campaign after the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece. The figures are shown with *Ames* Knights basketball team, a *Ames* team, shows its basketball prowess in the first round of the *Ames* basketball tournament at the *Ames* Coliseum.







## HIKE IN OIL PRICES

## Gov't expects to miss '04 inflation target

By Michelle K. Berns

CONSUMERS may expect unprecedented increases in prices of commodities, as the surge in oil prices will likely cause inflation to breach the government's full-year target of 4 to 5 percent, according to the National Economic and Development Authority.

Adelina Caron, NEDA assistant director general and head of the agency's planning and policy division, said the estimated increase in oil prices might also spill on the government's inflation projection.

She added that if inflation for the year would not exceed the 4 to 5 percent target, it would have been near the high end of the projection.

"Right now we are already going toward the high end of the (inflation) target because of rising oil prices," Caron said in a telephone interview. "There is also the possibility of a slight breaching of the target."

She explained that a one percent increase in domestic oil prices would result in a 0.657 rise in inflation.

Prices of oil in the world market have reached a new record high of \$94.99 a barrel on Tuesday following the decision of Iraq's opposition to suspend the pumping of crude from its southern oil fields due to demands of a military attack. The \$94.99-a-barrel compared the previous all-time high of \$44.98 reached the previous day.

Stefan Constant and Oil Price Watch chief Paul C. Gonzalez warned of further increases in consumer prices for the second time this year when the impact of adjustments in the rate of oil and transportation expenses to be felt.

Local oil companies have already raised up prices of gasoline by as much as P4.85 a liter, well above the P2.50 to P3.50 a liter that has been the norm.

The oil price increases have prompted transport groups to call for a fare hike. The government recently allowed ferry operators to increase fare by P1.50 for the short distances. The increase in oil prices and transport fare have already resulted in an unexpectedly high inflation in July when its rate extended the 5 percent level—the highest in two years.

Although oil prices had reached new highs, NEDA Director General Romulo Arellano said there was still no need to change the government's 4 to 5 percent inflation target. He said it would be difficult to predict when oil prices would behave in the coming months.



HAPPENING FLIGHT

Philippine Airlines Air and Security made its inaugural flight to Manila using a brand new Boeing 777-300ER jet. The airline officials are seen promoting tourism in Palau and the Philippines. Palau Micronesia Air president Alan Said (left), with Palau Ambassador in the Philippines, Anita Reschke-Said, air line executives (John Henry, Micronesia operations manager Bing Lina, Asia Pacific Chartering director Caroline Bonder and Marubeni Properties Corp. president Chris Lee) are seen with the airline.

## Fed rates seen to ratchet up RP need to ease deficit

By Gloria C. Dizon

MANILA—Interest on Philippine Government bonds that the government is planning to issue for the Philippine government may have to be as high as 10 percent to attract investors in an event as 3 percent interest rate.

According to the government, the Philippine government may have to pay the interest on its bonds at 10 percent to attract investors in an event as 3 percent interest rate.

The US Fed on Tuesday raised its key policy rate to 1.5 from 1.25 percent, its lowest level since 1959, after keeping the rate at its lowest since the 1950s. Further tightening is expected through 2006.

Without substantial improvements in revenue collection, and reduction in the budget deficit, the option to US Treasury

notes would have the government's already high debt position, the IMF said.

The Philippines' 10-year average bond currently has a 4.5 percent coupon differential between yields on comparable US Treasury notes.

Businesses could be expected to feel the further upward the interest rate to 3 percent, or double the current level, through 2006.

Businesses warned that if the Philippines failed to narrow the gap between its borrowing cost and US yields, "the interest rate will go up next year."

The Philippines has secured but missed 30 percent of its budget exchange and domestic debt payments.

The government is also waiting to long

to budget deficit at P1,011 billion over 2004 at 1.6 percent of gross domestic product.

But the BOP deficit was quick to add that there would be no aggressive monetary tightening as this would worsen the situation.

"We will not be reacting to a knee-jerk loan, which was our problem in the past," he said. "Our monetary management and financial sector responses."

From without the IMF's intervention, he said Philippine businesses would have to find ways to survive in the market.

Businesses estimated the BOP would try to avoid monetary tightening for as long as it could to as not to jeopardize the manufacturing sector.

## But NPCC sees no hike in cost of basic goods

By Ramon M. Domingo

NPCC's basic goods basket stable and are not expected to go up—at least for the rest of the month, according to the National Price Coordinating Council.

NEDA Undersecretary Adolfo A. Canales Jr., who heads the NPCC, yesterday said that prices of basic consumer products have been stable in the past five months despite the continuing rise in oil prices here and abroad.

"As we have noted, there were increases in the price of certain baskets of certain commodities, but these are temporary and not a trend," Canales said.

Also, the rate of raw materials and inputs—especially of rice, plastic and aluminum and packaging food and drink—are going up in the world market, but local manufacturers have managed to keep prices of goods stable, Canales said.

Both prices of rice prices more than doubled from \$400 a metric ton in 2002 to \$1,000 a ton this year. Finished rice rose cost about 60 cents from \$1.40 each two years ago.

Should prices of agricultural products go up, inflation would be expected to rise.

Canales said that consumers would have access to basic commodities at affordable prices, according to Agriculture Secretary Edcel C. Yap.



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## New NSC owner threatens pullout over tax issue

By Charles S. Rennie

THE NSC owner of National Steel Corp. is threatening to withdraw its investment from the City of Hanoi to make good its commitment to deliver a major steel mill for \$750 million to complete and operate there, according to local officials.

The management administration said the owner of NSC, only this year to Global Infrastructure Holdings Inc., one of the world's largest steel companies.

"Officials are worried because the new owner of NSC is threatening to pull out after the city-owned Hanoi steel mill is completed, leaving the city with the cost of the mill and the NSC's share of the mill's operating costs," a source familiar with the situation said.

The new local government NSC is looking for investment to build the steel mill and to build a new steel mill. The NSC is expected to have a 50% stake in the new steel mill.

### Insulation

Before the five-story, the local government of Hanoi had agreed to build a new steel mill for \$750 million to complete and operate there, according to local officials.

NSC was forced to close its plant in 1999 after failing to pay debts totaling \$75 billion to the local government.

The shutdown of the plant, which used to produce 1.5 million metric tons of steel, left some 4,000 workers jobless. The shutdown of NSC would provide the city and the local government with \$75 billion in assets.

A source said that the city had agreed to do with the local government's share of NSC's assets.

"There are talks that the new owner is willing to do the project, but there is a change in the local government's position," a source said.

## HGC eyes P16B in fresh funds

HONG KONG CITY HGC is set to raise its share of the NSC's assets to P16 billion, according to local officials. The NSC is expected to have a 50% stake in the new steel mill. The NSC is expected to have a 50% stake in the new steel mill.

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# Savoring Singapore



SUELLY: The succulent coconut crab is a must-try dish.

By Alan Tan

**S**INGAPORE may be a melting pot of races and cultures, but it is also the birthplace of many Singaporean dishes, including the iconic chicken rice, which is a must-try dish for anyone visiting the island.

The Singaporean food scene is a blend of traditional and modern, with a focus on fresh ingredients and innovative cooking techniques. From the hawker centers to the high-end restaurants, there is something for everyone. The food is not just a meal, but a way of life, reflecting the diverse heritage of the island.



SUELLY: The succulent coconut crab is a must-try dish.

Heritage Hotel is currently holding a month-long food festival inspired by the melting-pot cuisine of the Lion City.

and other dishes.

Among the featured Singaporean dishes are the traditional chicken rice, which is a must-try dish for anyone visiting the island. The festival also features a variety of other dishes, including the iconic chicken rice, which is a must-try dish for anyone visiting the island. The festival is a great opportunity to experience the diverse food scene of Singapore.



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## Chinese resto opens outlet in Glorietta

Many of the dishes and ingredients used in the dishes are sourced from the local market, ensuring freshness and quality. The restaurant is a great place to experience the diverse food scene of Singapore.

### DINING OUT

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